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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: INVESTIGATION OF PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER
INDUSTRY

REF: A) RABAT 5096, B) STATE 218909

1. IN REPLY TO REFTEL A, PARA 3, JUSTICE EMPHASIZES THAT
PURPOSE OF CONTACT WITH COHAN AND ROUE IS TO OBTAIN MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. COMPANIES.
THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT
POSSIBLE ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS, AND IT IS HOPED THAT MESSRS.
COHAN AND ROUE WILL BE ABLE TO DISPEL ANY SUSPICIONS ABOUT
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THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. COMPANIES THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN.
JUSTICE HAS ALREADY MADE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT EVIDENCE
DOESNOT WARRANT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF ANY PHOSPHATE PRO-
DUCERS. MEETING WITH COHAN AND ROUE IS MERELY TO ASSIST IN
DETERMINING IF A CIVIL CASE AGAINST CERTAIN U.S. ENTITIES
IS WARRANTED.

2. PROPOSED MEETING IS CONSIDERED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MEETINGS BETWEEN GOLDSWEIG AND COHAN IN 1975. WHILE FORMAL DEPOSITIONS ARE DESIRABLE, DOJ'S MAIN OBJECT IS TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF COHAN'S AND ROUE'S VISIT TO NEW YORK TO ELICIT THEIR VOLUNTARY COOPERATION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

RE PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTEL B, JUSTICE NOW ADVISES THAT SUBPOENAS ARE NOT FORESEEN.

3. FOR PARIS: IN VIEW OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF COHAN AND ROUE COULD BE INFORMED OF THIS REQUEST AND THEIR COOPERATION OBTAINED. VANCE

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